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TO : Chief, Plans and Policy Staff  
FROM : Chief, Analysis Division *WFO*  
SUBJECT: Information on Illicit Trade in Arms.

DATE: 26 September 1949

Munitions Division, State DepartmentContact with Mr. Charles Martin - Room 410Re: Information on Illicit Trade in Arms.

1. The Munitions Division maintains a file of all traffic in arms originating in the U. S.

2. The Munitions Division maintains a file of all illicit traffic in arms that comes to their attention.

3. The Munitions Division has not undertaken the collation of intelligence on foreign overt, covert, and illicit trade in arms.

4. The Munitions Division believes that their files are the most complete government files on illicit traffic in arms.

ONI - Navy DepartmentContact with Lt. Calhoun - Room 5D671 Pentagon Building.Re: Information on Illicit Trade in Arms

1. ONI has not undertaken the collection of intelligence on foreign overt, covert, and illicit trade in arms.

ID - U. S. Air ForceContact with Lt. Col. Marchant - Room 4A924 - Pentagon Building - phone 72788Re: Information on Illicit Trade in Arms.

1. ID: U. S. Air Force has not undertaken the collation of intelligence

on foreign overt, covert, and illicit trade in arms.

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ID, GS, U.S. Army

Contact with Mr. James S. Lee - Room 20530 Pentagon Building - Phone 71783.

Re: Information on Illicit Trade in Arms

1. ID, GS, US Army has not undertaken the collation of intelligence on foreign overt, covert, and illicit trade in arms.

2. ID, GS, US Army is maintaining a file of all illicit and legal traffic in arms that comes to their attention.

3. ID, GS, US Army has from time to time produced studies on arms traffic in certain areas. (See ID's Intelligence Review No. 159 dated August 1949)

4. ID, GS, US Army has produced a quite extensive study on "Munition Industries of Foreign Powers" dated January 1949.)

5. ID, GS, US Army is now taxing their personnel to the limit in producing the few studies that have been published.

OIR State Department

1. Does not maintain files on illicit trade in arms.

COMMENTS:

1. Believe the information is available in the Munition Division's and ID's files but as stated, they do not collate this information.